are blended together in the firſt affection, and reaſon made the foundation of the firſt duty, morality will ſtumble at the threſhold. But, till ſociety is very differently conſtituted, parents, I fear, will ſtill inſiſt on being obeyed, becauſe they will be obeyed, and conſtantly endeavour to ſettle that power on a Divine right which will not bear the inveſtigation of reaſon.

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ON NATIONAL EDUCATION.

THE good effects reſulting from attention to private education will ever be very confined, and the parent who really puts his own hand to the plow, will always, in ſome degree, be diſappointed, till education become a grand national concern. A man cannot retire into a deſert with his child, and if he did he could not bring himſelf back to childhood, and become the proper friend and playfellow of an infant or youth. And when children are confined to the ſociety of men and women, they very ſoon acquire that kind of premature manhood which ſtops the growth of every vigorous power of mind or body. In order to open their faculties they ſhould be excited to think for themſelves; and this can only be done by mixing a number of children together, and making them jointly purſue the ſame objects.

A child